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SUBJ: VISIT OF USS VALDEZ TO LOME, 16-19 FEBRUARY 1978

1. VALDEZ VISIT WAS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW. TOGOLESE USED THEIR EXPERIENCE FROM LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT OF USS TRIPPE TO WORK WITH EMBASSY TO LAY ON ALL-ENCOMPASSING AND WELL-EXECUTED BUT LOW-KEY PROGRAM THAT EMPHASIZED FRIENDLY COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO NATIONS. VALDEZ CREW WAS BENEFICIARY OF OUTPOURING OF GENUINE FRIENDLINESS.

2. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE TV, RADIO AND PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT, INCLUDING FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN TOGO-PRESSE ON 23 FEBRUARY RECOUNTING VISIT TO SHIP BY DELEGATION 20 SOME OFFICERS OF TOGOLESE ARMED FORCES LED BY COL  
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ASSILA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

3. ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION IN VISIT EVENTS BY SENIOR TOGOLESE MILITARY OFFICIALS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. SUCH PARTICIPATION WAS ON DIRECT ORDER OF PRESIDENT. ABOUT 20 OFFICERS ATTENDED AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION ON 18 FEBRUARY. THIS UNPRECEDENTED SINCE MILITARY DO NOT

NORMALLY ATTEND SUCH FUNCTIONS. POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE  
VALDEZ VISIT WAS APPARENT TO ALL.

4. VALDEZ PORT CALL WAS ENHANCED BY FACT THAT IT TOOK  
PLACE AT SAME TIME AS VISITS BY GABONESE AND CAMEROUNIAN  
NAVIES. OFFICERS AND MEN THESE VESSELS WERE INCLUDED IN  
EVENTS FOR VALDEZ.

5. LOCAL AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY MISSIONARIES, HAVE  
TOLD EMBASSY THAT THEY WERE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO PROVIDE  
HOME HOSPITALITY TO CREW AND LOOK FORWARD TO DOING SO  
AGAIN DURING NEXT YEAR'S SHIP VISIT.

6. FINE LEADERSHIP OF CAPTAIN JACOBSEN AND  
OFFICERS OF VALDEZ INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT OF VISIT SUCCESS  
AS WAS EXEMPLARY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COMPORTMENT  
OF CREW. WELL DONE. PALMER

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